

PIGGISTS ARE IN A QUANDARY.

Many Difficulties Beset the Lavigne-McKeever Contest To-night.

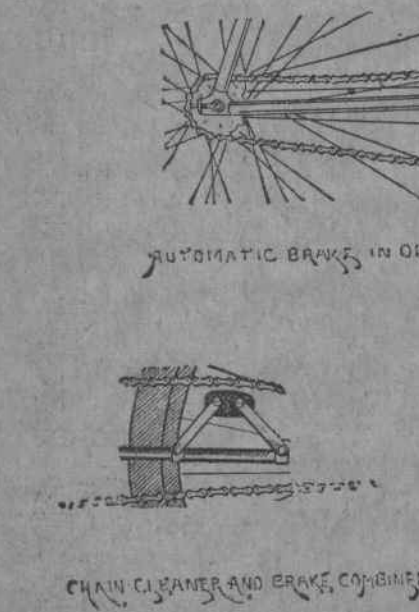
Governor Morton Instructs Sheriff Doherty to Be on the Lookout.

Doubts Arise as to Whether the Marlborough A. C. Has Been Duly Incorporated.

TOM O'ROURKE TAKES A HAND.

And Says the Furniture in the Old Puritan Club Is His Property—Tim Sullivan Claims to Hold the Lease.

The officials of the Marlborough Athletic Club insist that they will "pull off" the bout between Kid Lavigne and Charley McKeever to-night, and Mayor Gleason, of Long Island City, the reputed owner of the clubhouse, and District Attorney Noble, of Queens County, declare that no legal obstacle will be thrown in the way, but the Law and Order Society people found new allies yesterday in their endeavors to



prevent the affair. Tom O'Rourke, who formerly posed as the head of the Eureka A. C., which leased the clubhouse after the demise of the old Puritan A. C., announced that he would repossess the furniture of the Marlborough Club, claiming it belongs to him. Assemblyman-elect Tim Sullivan stated that he had sub-leased the premises, and promises to make things lively, too. He also re-announced that the club's incorporation papers limits its workings to New York City and county and were invalid in Queens County. The Law and Order people intimated also that they had several other cards up their sleeves. It is hinted that warrants are to be sworn out to the effect that the Marlborough Club is not legally incorporated, and that certain individuals will be arrested as soon as active operations begin in the ring to-night.

The promoters of the bout say that they fear no interference, and that Mayor Gleason is qualified as a consulting magistrate to immediately release any persons who may be arrested. The Law and Order leaders retort that they will at once swear out fresh warrants on new grounds and have the offenders before Judge Ingram, who will be in the immediate vicinity of the clubhouse to-night, and that the principals, seconds and others may experience some difficulty in securing their liberty forthwith.

The following letter was sent to Sheriff Doherty, of Queens County, yesterday by Colonel Cole, Governor Morton's private secretary:

It having been brought to the attention of the Governor, and the fact that a person named Doherty, who is alleged to be in the employ of the Executive Chamber, to the effect that a violation of the law is intended or likely to be committed in Long Island City, in the county of Queens, on the night of December 23, 1896, at the residence of a person known as "Kid" Lavigne and Charley McKeever, are to engage in a prize fight in violation of the provisions of Chapter 201, Laws of 1896, therefore,

I am directed by the Governor to call your attention to the fact that the said Lavigne and McKeever are to engage in a prize fight in violation of the provisions of Chapter 201, Laws of 1896, therefore,

HEADQUARTERS FOR OARSMEN.

Harlem Rowing Men Desirous of Establishing a Permanent Home.

A special meeting of the Harlem Regatta Association was held last night at the Hotel Marlborough, for the purpose of taking joint action toward securing a permanent home along the banks of the Harlem River.

The delegates present were as follows: T. E. Decker and A. J. Abel, Nassau Boat Club; C. S. Cramer and Lon Meyer, Lone Star Boat Club; Captain John Smith and William Graham, Wynona Boat Club; Henry J. Decker and Captain H. W. Bradbury, Noyahar Boat Club; E. J. Fox and John Dempsey, Atlanta Boat Club; Joseph Maher, Harlem Rowing Club; Julius D. Maher, Metropolitan Boat Club; The clubs which were not represented were the Friendships, First Bohemians, Columbia College and New York Athletic Club.

The meeting was called to order by President Maher, who after a few remarks introduced George Burt Heath, president of the Atlanta Boat Club, who addressed the meeting. His proposal, however, to alter the Hudson River for the Harlem did not meet with approval.

After much discussion Henry J. Bohrens, ex-president of the association, offered the following resolution: "It is the sense of the Harlem Regatta Association that the club appoint a committee of five to investigate the project concerning a permanent location for the club along the banks of the Harlem River."

The committee appointed was as follows: J. Burt Heath, chairman; Fred Veinor, Nassau B. C.; James F. Fulkington, Harlem B. C.; William Graham, Wynona B. C., and a member to be named by the New York Athletic Club. The meeting then adjourned subject to the call of the club.

John L. and His Florist.

Boston, Dec. 22.—John L. Sullivan was in the poor debtor court to-day on a debtor's bill of \$318, on which judgment has been obtained. The terms in the bill were dated from June 19, 1896, to December 6, 1896, John L. lived at No. 22 Fulton street, Roxbury, but the office could not find that he had anything to do with the florist, which fact the legal requirements. The examination was examined as to the amount of money he had made and how he spent it, and the case was postponed until January 11.

MAGRODERS ENDS IN A FIZZLE.

No Money to Pay the Previous Day's Purses and Owners Wouldn't Start.

EFFORTS TO OBTAIN CAPITAL.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 22.—The Magroders meeting ended to-day rather suddenly, but the close down was not altogether a surprise, as all realized that it could not go on without some one to run things.

The special train from the city went out at the usual time, and the crowds included a number of new comers, the showing being better than that of any previous day of the meeting, but when the track was reached it was learned that the horsemen had refused to run until yesterday's purses were paid. This announcement was of course a disappointment to the crowd, but the majority decided to stay and attempt to pick the winners at New Orleans, the foreign book being open as usual.

After about an hour's delay it was announced that some one had agreed to put up \$200, which was to be divided into four purses of \$50 each, but after the first race, in which Jim McLaughlin, Elmatosa and Drumstick finished as named, a halt was called, and the meeting declared at an end.

Efforts are to be made to-morrow to get capital to go on with, but it is not probable that any one will be found that is willing to take the risk at this time. Later on there is no question but what, if in the summaries:

First Race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling, one mile.—Rosauro, 12 to 1, won; handily by two lengths; Mamie Q., 90 (L. Smith), 5 to 1, second; Logan, 105 (Caywood), 3 to 1, third. Time, 1:42 1/2. Bridgeport, Tilly, C. W. Mumill and R. Q. Mumill also ran.

Second Race—For two-year-olds; five furlongs; selling, one mile.—Jim McLaughlin, 105 (C. B. Bauer), 7 to 5, won easily, by three lengths; Clara Bauer, 105 (Sweeney), 4 to 1, second; Odessa, 125 (C. B. Bauer), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:25 1/2. Miriam M., Fred Graft, The Arkwright, Oversight, Survey, Glimmering, Beneat and Lord Fairfax also ran. D. L. was left at the post.

Third Race—For four-year-olds and upward; selling, seven furlongs.—Camilla, 109 (C. B. Bauer), 7 to 5, won easily, by three lengths; Clara Bauer, 105 (Sweeney), 4 to 1, second; Odessa, 125 (C. B. Bauer), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:25 1/2. Miriam M., Fred Graft, The Arkwright, Oversight, Survey, Glimmering, Beneat and Lord Fairfax also ran. D. L. was left at the post.

Fourth Race—Handicap for all ages; one mile.—Frank Jaeger, 60 (Hirsch), 7 to 1, won handily by two lengths; Hill Billy, 80 (Singer), 3 to 1, second; Bloomer, 97 (Galewood), 5 to 1, third. Time, 1:44 1/2. Maggie S., Stockholm and Martha Smith also ran.

Fifth Race—Handicap for three-year-olds and upward; one mile and a quarter over five furlongs.—Scamp, 147 (Clerke), 3 to 1, won driving by a head; Pirate, 127 (Whitlock), 30 to 1, second; Odessa, 125 (C. B. Bauer), 5 to 1, third. Time, 2:22. Hubert, Greda, Incommoda, Uncle, Jr. and Polly also ran. Full race.

Sixth Race—For three-year-olds and upward; selling, one mile.—Alva, 97 (Reb), 8 to 6, won easily by three lengths; Alto June, 101 (W. Dean), 8 to 1, second; Alto, 101 (W. Dean), 8 to 1, third. Time, 1:42 1/2. Dennis, Jim Pook, Lay On, Emma Mc., and Henry Harris also ran.

WESTON'S FAST FIVE MILES.

The Aged Pedestrian Gives a Few Guests a Sample of His Speed.

Edward Payson Weston gave an exhibition five-mile walk at the Ice Skating Palace, Lexington avenue and One Hundred and Seventh street, yesterday afternoon, before a number of invited guests, among whom were many prominent lawyers, doctors and clergymen.

Weston appeared on the track, which has been specially constructed for his twenty-four-hour tramp which begins on Christmas night, shortly after 2 o'clock. He looked the picture of health, and in moving about he was hard for one to believe that he was really an old man, so agile were his movements.

Before starting, Weston made a short speech, in which he said that the exhibition was only intended to show he was thoroughly prepared to undertake the journey.

At the word "go," he started off at an easy, swinging gait, which, with the exception of an occasional spurt on the straights, he maintained to the end. The time given was 52 minutes.

Weston did not appear to be at all distressed at the finish, but in fact looked as fresh as at the start. Taylor, who talked with him the time, pronounced him a most remarkable old man.

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